

**A RESOLUTION BY
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/HUMAN REOSURCES COMMITTEE**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AN APPLICATION UNDER THE SECTION 108 LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,500,000 FOR THE WINECOFF HOTEL REHABILITATION AND REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT, AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF PEACHTREE AND ELLIS STREETS

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta is committed to the development of its downtown area, the preservation of important historic resources and the creation of jobs for its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Winecoff Hotel, built in 1913 is an important historic resource in the downtown Atlanta and having been vacant for many years, is worthy of preservation; and

WHEREAS, the return of the Winecoff Hotel to a functioning hotel will create an estimated 70 jobs and provide increased tax revenues to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta has received a request from Steve Holtze Hotels, the proposed redeveloper of the Winecoff Hotel for \$4,500,000 in "gap" financing to complete a \$20 million restoration of the hotel; and

WHEREAS, funds are available under the Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program to assist the redevelopment of the Winecoff Hotel; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the Twenty-Ninth Year CDBG Program to include the Winecoff Hotel Rehabilitation and Redevelopment project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA as follows:

Section 1: That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to submit to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development an amendment to the City of Atlanta's Twenty-Ninth Year (2003) Community Development Block Grant Program and an application for the Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program and for the Winecoff Hotel Rehabilitation and Redevelopment project for an amount not to exceed \$4,500,000.

Section 2: Any assistance provided to the Winecoff Hotel shall be structured as a loan designed to cover the Section 108 loan payments and will be securitized to the extent possible so as to have minimal impact for the City's future CDBG grants and programs.